

# Fatty Acid Synthase Activity Assay Kit

**Note:** Take two or three different samples for prediction before test.

**Operation Equipment:** Ultraviolet spectrophotometer

**Catalog Number:** NA0825

**Size:** 50T/48S

## Components:

Reagent	Size	Storage
Extract solution	Solution 60 mL×1	4°C
Reagent I	Powder×2	-20°C
Reagent II	Powder×2	-20°C
Reagent III	Solution 55 mL×1	4°C
Reagent IV	Powder×2	-20°C

Solution preparation:

1. Reagent I: Add 2.5 mL Reagent III before use. Mix thoroughly. Unused reagents should be store at -20°C for two weeks. Avoid repeated freezing and thawing.
2. Reagent II: Add 2.5 mL Reagent III before use. Mix thoroughly. Unused reagents should be store at -20°C for two weeks. Avoid repeated freezing and thawing.
3. Reagent III: Add 1.25 mL Reagent III before use. Mix thoroughly. Unused reagents should be store at -20°C for two weeks.

## Product Description:

Fatty acid synthase (FAS) is an important enzyme in the synthesis of long-chain saturated fatty acids. It can catalyze malonyl coenzyme A, acetyl coenzyme A and NADPH to produce long chain fatty acids and NADP<sup>+</sup>. NADPH has a characteristic absorption peak at 340nm. The activity of FAS can be calculated by measuring the decreasing rate of absorbance at 340nm.

## Reagents and Equipment Required but Not Provided:

Ultraviolet spectrophotometer, desk centrifuge, pipette, water bath/ incubator, 1 mL quartz cuvette, mortar/ homogenizer, ice and distilled water.

## Procedure

### I. Sample preparation:

1. Bacteria or cells: According to the ratio of cells ( $10^4$ ): Extract solution (mL) =500~1000:1. It is suggested to collect 5 million of cells and add 1 mL of Extract solution. Breaking cells on ice with ultrasonic wave (power 300W, ultrasonic wave 3 seconds, interval 9 seconds, total time 5 minutes) Centrifuge at 12 000 g, 4°C for 20 min. Take the supernatant for test.
2. Tissue: According to the ratio of tissue weight (g): Extract solution (mL) =1:5~10. It is suggested to weigh about 0.1 g of tissue and add 1 mL of Extract solution. Homogenize on ice. Centrifuge at 12 000 g,

4°C for 20 min. Take the supernatant for test.

3. Serum (plasma) and other liquid samples: direct determination.

## II. Determination procedure:

1. Preheat ultraviolet spectrophotometer for 30 min, adjust wavelength to 340 nm, set zero with distilled water.

2. Preheat the Reagent III at 37°C(mammal) or 25°C(other species) for 15 min.

3. Blank tube: Add 100 μL distilled water, 80 μL Reagent I, 80 μL Reagent II, 700 μL Reagent III and 40 μL Reagent IV in the 1 mL quartz cuvette. Mix them immediately and time them. Record the absorbance value at 15s A1 and 1 min 15s A2 at 340 nm. Calculation  $\Delta A_B = A1 - A2$ .

4. Test tube: Add 100 μL supernatant, 80 μL Reagent I, 80 μL Reagent II, 700 μL Reagent III and 40 μL Reagent IV in the 1 mL quartz cuvette. Mix them immediately and time them. Record the absorbance value at 15s A3 and 1 min 15s A4 at 340 nm. Calculation  $\Delta A_T = A3 - A4$ .

5. The blank tube only needs to be tested for 1-2 times. If the number of samples is too much, reagents one to four can be mixed according to the above ratio to prepare a working solution for measurement.

## III. Calculations:

1. Calculate by sample protein concentration

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes production of 1 nmol of NADPH in the reaction system per minute every milligram protein.

$$\text{FAS (U/mg prot)} = (\Delta A_T - \Delta A_B) \div (\epsilon \times d) \times V_R \times 10^9 \div (V_S \times \text{Cpr}) \div T \times F = 1608 \times \Delta A \div \text{Cpr} \times F$$

2. Calculate by sample weight

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes production of 1 nmol of NADPH in the reaction system per minute every gram tissue.

$$\text{FAS (U/g weight)} = (\Delta A_T - \Delta A_B) \div (\epsilon \times d) \times V_R \times 10^9 \div (W \times V_S \times V_E) \div T \times F = 1608 \times \Delta A \div W \times F$$

3. Calculate by the amount of cells

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes production of 1 nmol of NADPH in the reaction system per minute every  $10^4$  cell.

$$\text{FAS (U/10}^4 \text{ cell)} = (\Delta A_T - \Delta A_B) \div (\epsilon \times d) \times V_R \times 10^9 \div (\text{cell} \times V_S \times V_E) \div T \times F = 1608 \times \Delta A \div \text{cell} \times F$$

4. Calculate by the volume of liquid

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes production of 1 nmol of NADPH in the reaction system per minute every milliliter liquid.

$$\text{FAS (U/mL)} = (\Delta A_T - \Delta A_B) \div (\epsilon \times d) \times V_R \times 10^9 \div V_S \div T \times F = 1608 \times \Delta A \times F$$

$V_S$ : Add sample volume, 0.1 mL;

$\epsilon$ : Micromolar extinction coefficient of NADPH,  $6.22 \times 10^3$  L/mol/cm;

$d$ : Optical path of cuvette, 1 cm;

$V_R$ : Total reaction volume, 200 μL =  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  L;

$V_E$ : Extract solution volume, 1000 μL =  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  L;

$T$ : Reaction time, 1 min;

$\text{Cpr}$ : Protein concentration of sample, mg/mL;

$W$ : Sample weight, g;

F: Dilution ratio.

**Note:**

1. There is BSA (about 2mg/mL) in the Extract solution. When determining the protein concentration in the supernatant, the protein concentration in the Extract solution should be subtracted.
2. If the measured absorbance value  $A > 1.2$  or  $\Delta A > 0.5$ , it is recommended to dilute the sample before measuring, and multiply the dilution factor in the calculation formula; if the measured absorbance value is low or close to the blank OD value, it is recommended to increase the sample volume before performing the measurement.

**Experimental example**

1. Take 0.1 g of mouse lung. Add 1 mL of Extract solution. Homogenize on ice. Centrifuge at 12 000 g, 4°C for 20 min. Take the supernatant for test. Following the measurement procedure. Calculate  $\Delta A_B = A_1 - A_2 = 0.533 - 0.532 = 0.001$ ,  $\Delta A_T = A_3 - A_4 = 1.221 - 1.195 = 0.026$ . Calculate the activity of FAS in mouse liver according to the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FAS (U/g weight)} &= (\Delta A_T - \Delta A_B) \div (\epsilon \times d) \times VR \times 10^9 \div (W \times V_S \times V_E) \div T \times F \\ &= 1608 \times \Delta A \div W \times F = 402 \text{ U/g weight.} \end{aligned}$$

2. Take 0.1 g of mouse liver. Add 1 mL of Extract solution. Homogenize on ice. Centrifuge at 12 000 g, 4°C for 20 min. Take the supernatant for test. Following the measurement procedure. Calculate  $\Delta A_B = A_1 - A_2 = 0.533 - 0.532 = 0.001$ ,  $\Delta A_T = A_3 - A_4 = 1.194 - 1.127 = 0.067$ . Calculate the activity of FAS in mouse lung according to the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FAS (U/g weight)} &= (\Delta A_T - \Delta A_B) \div (\epsilon \times d) \times VR \times 10^9 \div (W \times V_S \times V_E) \div T \times F \\ &= 1608 \times \Delta A \div W \times F = 1061.280 \text{ U/g weight.} \end{aligned}$$

**Reference**

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